

FAQs about MPV

What is it?

Monkeypox, or **MPV**, is part of the same family of viruses that cause smallpox (not related to chickenpox).

Who can get it?

Anyone can get or pass on MPV. However, the current risk of getting MPV in the general public is **very low**.

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How is it spread?



Direct contact with MPV rash, scabs, or **bodily fluids*** from someone with MPV.

*Scientists continue to research how MPV spreads through various bodily fluids.



Touching objects, fabrics, and surfaces that have been used by someone with MPV.



Prolonged **face-to-face** or intimate **skin-to-skin physical** contact.



A **pregnant** individual can also spread MPV to their unborn baby.

What are MPV symptoms?



Rash with blisters that may appear anywhere on the body



Fever



Swollen lymph nodes



Headaches



Muscle and back aches



Low energy

Is it MPV, COVID-19, or an STI?

Due to many similarities between **MPV**, **COVID-19**, and **sexually transmitted infections** (particularly *syphilis*), it is important to note some key differences. Head to this link or scan the QR code for a quick breakdown.

Always consult with a medical provider if you have any symptoms of MPV, COVID-19, or an STI.



tinyurl.com/MPVCompare

How to **Protect Yourself** and Others from Monkeypox (MPV)

Avoid intimate contact if you or your partner(s) have a new rash or sores, feel sick, or were recently exposed to MPV.

Routinely **wash your hands** and **disinfect** any shared objects or fabrics.

If eligible, get **vaccinated** if you have recently been exposed to MPV. Either talk to a trusted health care provider, or reach out to your **local health department**.

Talk with your **trusted health care provider** about testing, pain management or treatment if you have MPV symptoms (or reach out to your **local health department**).

For more info go to:

dph.illinois.gov/MPV

or use your **phone's camera** and scan the QR code below to be taken to IDPH's website on MPV



Monkeypox (MPV)

Health Tips & Info

An outbreak of MPV in the United States has lead to an uptake of cases in **Illinois**

Here's what you need to know

